Agreement under power production projects

†1090. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would provide any special financial support for small, medium and big power production projects by the State Electricity Board of Himachal Pradesh so that, the people of the State and the Officials of the Board could get more opportunities of employment;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that in spite of agreement under power production projects being undertaken by NHPC or NTPC in Himachal Pradesh local people are not getting the employment; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE): (a) to (d) State Electricity Board is under the State Government which supports the Board. For the projects being implemented by National Hydro-electric Power Corporation and National Thermal Power Corporation in the State of Himachal Pradesh, employment to the local people is being provided in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Memorandum of Undertaking/Agreement signed by these Central Public Sector Undertakings with the Government of Himachal Pradesh/ Himachal Pradesh State Electricity Board.

Recruitment is done by the Central Public sector Undertakings under the Employment Exchanges (Compulsory Notification of Vacancies) Act, 1959 read with Rules notified by the Government from time to time. Under these rules, the Central Public Sector Undertakings notify the required vacancies of all such posts which fall under Group C and D to the concerned local employment exchanges and conduct the recruitment accordingly.

Power shortage in Punjab

1091. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Punjab is facing acute power shortage; and

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